GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2133
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2000
PRICE RISE IN ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prices of Essential Commodities are continuously increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the whole sale and retail prices of various essential commodities during the last one year; and

(c) the remedial steps the Government propose to take to check the price rise in essential commodities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTIRBUTION
(SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)
(a) & (b) : No sir. The prices of most of the essential commodities have indicated a normal trend during the last one year. A statement showing the wholesale and retail prices of selected essential commodities at Delhi as on 24.11.2000 and 24.11.1999 is given in the Annexure.
(c) : The Government will continue to monitor the prices and availability of selected essential commodities on regular basis. Apart from certain long term measures to be taken for augmenting their production in the country, imports of items having gap in their demand and supply like pulses, edible oils etc. have been liberalized in order to bridge the gap. The export of onion will be regulated through quantitative restrictions and the Minimum Export Price in order to keep the domestic prices under control. Some of the essential commodities like rice, wheat, palmolein, sugar and kerosene are also being supplied through the outlets of public distribution system at below market prices. Stringent actions are being taken against hoarders, black marketeers and others indulging in unfair trade practices under the Essential Commodities Act and Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act by the State/UT Governments.
ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2133 FOR ANSWER ON 1.12.2000.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES AT DELHI DURING THE CURRENT YEAR AND CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR AGO.

Commodity	Wholesale Price (Rs./Qtl) as on		Retail Price (Rs./Kg.) as on	
	22.11.2000	24.11.1999	24.11.2000	24.11.1999
Rice	880	1050	12.00	13.00
Wheat	625	710	7.00	8.00
Gram	2100	1650	23.00	20.00
Tur	2200	2680	28.00	34.00
Sugar	1550	1590	17.00	17.00
Groundnut Oil	5567	6073	76.00	73.00
Mustard Oil	3533	4000	42.00	49.00
Vanaspati	3133	3400	33.00	38.00
Tea	10000	10000	115.00	115.00
Potato	410	375	8.00	8.00
Onion	560	670	10.00	11.00
Salt(Packed)			6.00	6.00
Refined Oil				